

had their property destroyed and taken off by the Mexican government during the revolution. Read 2nd time, and on motion of Mr. Cuny, was referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the Senate adjourned, until 3 o'clock, p. m.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Senate met; roll called; quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.
December 17th, 1847.

Senate met—roll called—The following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Grimes, Jewett, McRae, Navarro, Perkins, Phillips, Parker, Williams, Wootten, and Wallace—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

The President announced the following additional Standing Committees :

Committee on Counties and County Boundaries—Messrs. Gage, Bourland, Navarro, Dancy and Kinney.

Committee on Apportionment, Privileges and Elections—Messrs. Williams, Phillips, Williamson, Jewett, and Burleson.

On motion of Mr. Parker, Mr. Cuny was added to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

A message was received from the House of Representatives through their Chief Clerk. Mr. Ben. F. Hill, informing the Senate, that the House had appointed one member from each Judicial district, for the purpose of drawing up suitable instruc-

tions to our members in the United States Congress relative to Post Routes in this State, and request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the Senate, and report the result of their deliberations as early as practicable. They have also appointed Messrs. Pease, McNeil and Bogart a committee to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes and declaring the persons elected Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and request a like appointment on the part of the Senate.

Messrs. Abbott, Phillips, Wallace, Bourland, and Parker were appointed a committee to act in conjunction with a like committee on the part of the House, for the purpose of drawing up suitable instructions to our members in the United States Congress relative to Post Routes in this State.

Mr. Perkins offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate be appointed, to act in conjunction with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives, to collect returns for the election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, which may have arrived in Austin, and are not now in the hands of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to prepare for counting the same and declaring the result thereof, when the Legislature shall meet for that purpose."

Adopted.

Messrs. Perkins, Clark and Brashear were appointed said committee.

Mr. Perkins, by leave, introduced a "Bill to be entitled an act to amend the third section of an act entitled an act, providing for the transfer of Records of Administrators to new counties," accompanied by a petition. Read first time.

Mr. Wallace, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent for one league and one labor of land, to the legal heirs of Henry Roberts, deceased, assignee of A. O. Williams. Read first time.

Mr. Grimes, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act to direct the mode of voting in all popular elections. Read first time.

Mr. Jewett introduced a Joint Resolution, granting further time for the payment of government dues and the return of field notes. Read first time.

Mr. Clark introduced Joint Resolution for the benefit of the

Texas volunteers, called into the service of the country in the year 1846. Read first time.

Mr. Dancy offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the President of the Senate appoint a standing committee on Affairs of State."

Adopted.

Messrs. Dancy, Jewett, Williamson, Clark and Williams were appointed said committee.

Mr. Gage, Senator from the district of Nacogdoches, Rusk and Houston, appeared, presented his credentials, took the oath prescribed by the Constitution, and his seat.

The committee appointed to act in conjunction with a like committee on the part of the House, to collect returns for the election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, &c., asked leave of absence to perform that duty. Granted.

The Senate proceeded to the orders of the day.

Joint Resolution instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives in Congress, relative to suitable places for holding the sessions of the United States District Court—read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Jewett, laid on the table.

Mr. Abbott offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, by the Senate, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to furnish the Senate such information as he may be in possession of respecting suits, either in the State or United States courts, involving the validity of fraudulent land certificates."

Adopted.

Mr. Jewett moved that so much of the message of the Governor, as relates to the occupation of Santa Fe by General Kearney and the establishment of a territorial government there, be referred to the Committee on the Affairs of State: and that the portion of the message relative to the condition of the frontier settlements and the Indian tribes be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Carried.

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Finances of the State, together with the reports of the Comptroller and Treasurer, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

Adopted.

Mr. Williamson moved that so much of the message of the Governor, as relates to the efforts of certain States of the North

to abolish slavery and to interfere with the domestic institutions of the country which may be acquired by conquest be referred to the Committee on State Affairs. Carried.

Mr. Jewett, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the recovery of money, property or any article of value lost or won on bets or wagers. Read first time.

A message was received from his Excellency the Governor, presenting three several communications in writing, which were read and laid on the table.

Mr. Abbott moved that the communications from his Excellency be made the special order of the day for Monday next. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Bourland, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock, p. m.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

The committee appointed to act in conjunction with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives, to collect the returns of the election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, &c., through their chairman, Mr. Perkins, made the following report:

Hon. A. C. Horton, President of the Senate:

The committee appointed on the part of the Senate to act jointly with a like committee of the House of Representatives, to collect returns for the election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, which may have arrived in Austin, and are not now in the hands of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to prepare for counting the same, and declaring the result thereof, when the Legislature shall meet for that purpose, beg leave to report that they have met the committee on the part of the House of Representatives, after conferring together and finding no additional returns, the Joint Committee have agreed to report the accompanying resolution to their respective Houses, and recommend its adoption.

S. W. PERKINS, Chairman.

Dec. 17, 1847.

"*Resolved*, That the two Houses shall assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Saturday, the 18th instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be the presiding officer. That one person be appointed on the part of the Senate, and two on the part of the House of Representatives, to make a list of the votes as they shall be published and declared. That the Speaker shall open and publish all the returns of votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor that may be in his possession. That the result shall be delivered by the tellers to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall announce the state of the vote, and the persons elected, to the two Houses assembled as aforesaid, which shall be deemed a declaration by the Speaker, under the direction of the Legislature, of the persons elected Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas, and together with a list of the votes, shall be entered on the journals of the two houses"—which report and resolution were adopted.

Mr. Clark, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to admit Asa H. Willie and Josiah F. Crosby to practice law in the various courts in this State. Read first time.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Saturday, 9 o'clock, a. m.
December 18th, 1847.

Senate met—roll called—The following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRae, Navarro, Parker, Perkins, Philips, Wallace, Williams, Williamson, and Wooten—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House, through its chief clerk, Mr. Benj. F. Hill, informing the Senate that the House had adopted a resolution for both Houses to meet in the Representative Hall at 10 o'clock this day, for the purpose of count-